



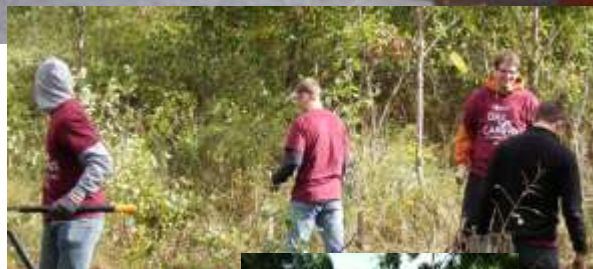
# The Volunteer

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's Volunteer In Parks Newsletter

October 2012

## 2012 A Hot Year for Volunteers!

The summer of 2012 proved to be "hot" in more ways than one. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore volunteers were busy all across the park!



## Make sure your efforts count!

*Did you volunteer between October 1, 2011 and September 30, 2012? Make sure you have reported your efforts to your volunteer supervisor by October 19, 2012. Use the volunteer hours form on page 5 if you have not, and if you have, THANKS! You are one in millions!*



# INTRODUCING *DUNES NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION*

The Dunes National Park Association (DNPA) is a non-profit organization that supports the protection, preservation, and promotion of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore by building a community of supporters dedicated to conserving the park for the inspiration, education, and enjoyment of current and future generations.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore needs public support to maximize its potential as a regional and national asset.

Want to know more about DNPA?  
Look here [www.dunesnationalpark.org](http://www.dunesnationalpark.org)



Walking on the beach from left to right are Superintendent Costa Dillon, Senator Dick Durbin, Secretary DOI Ken Salazar, DNPA Treasurer Mike Shymanski and DNPA Board member Charles Chuman.



**Looking for a service project for your school, scout or community group?**

We are looking for you. Check [Volunteer.gov](http://Volunteer.gov), click on the state of Indiana and fill out the application titled “Group Spruce up the Park” to sign up for volunteer projects at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

**Help  
Wanted**

## **Cross Country Skiers**

Saturdays in January and February

Know how to cross-country ski? Want to teach others? We need help on Saturdays after a good snow to help visitors who come to the Douglas Center for Family Day. The park provides the skis and boots to the public. Contact [Julianne.Larsen@nps.gov](mailto:Julianne.Larsen@nps.gov) for more information.



**Help  
Wanted**

**Wetland crew clearing the greenhouse**



## **Wetland Restoration Project**

**Every Saturday in October**

**8:00 a.m. to noon** join the *Wetlands restoration crew* and help get all the plants in the Greenhouse into the bog.

Contact [Molly.Hacker@nps.gov](mailto:Molly.Hacker@nps.gov) or [Steven.Smith@nps.gov](mailto:Steven.Smith@nps.gov) for more information.

**Cowles Bog choked with invasive species**

**Much improved Cowles Bog**



**Help  
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## ***Stewardship Days***



The Third Saturday of Every Month  
9:00 a.m.- Noon

Invasive species are choking the life out of the native plants in the park.

Contact [Ted Winterfeld@nps.gov](mailto:Ted.Winterfeld@nps.gov) to find out where the volunteer stewards are going to work in the park and what you can do to help.

**Help  
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## ***Headquarters Librarian***

We found a new home for Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore's collection of legislation, plans and other bound documents, but we need some help organizing them. The documents need to be organized so anyone can find what they are looking for and we need help removing multiple copies. Interested in helping? Contact [Lynda Lancaster@nps.gov](mailto:Lynda.Lancaster@nps.gov)



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## ***Trail Blazers***

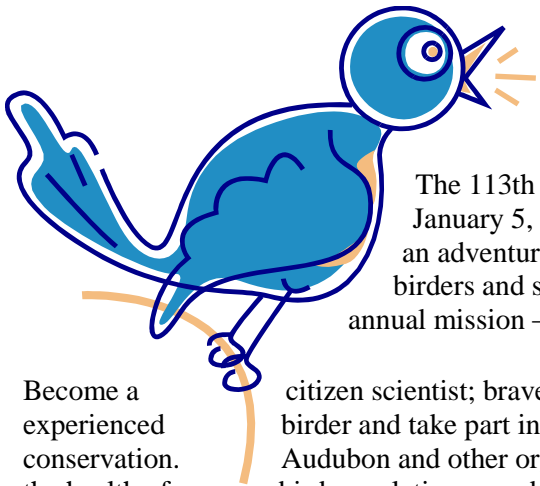
Some of the trails in Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore are easy to find and follow, others, not so much. We are looking for volunteers to help us update our trail maps and help make the trails easier to find. We need people willing to walk the trail, GPS confusing locations and help the park staff develop trail markers. Interested?

Contact [Lynda Lancaster@nps.gov](mailto:Lynda.Lancaster@nps.gov).



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219-395-1682 or [Lynda.Lancaster@nps.gov](mailto:Lynda.Lancaster@nps.gov)





## Birding Calls for the 113<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bird Count

The 113th Christmas Bird Count will take place from December 14, 2012 through January 5, 2013. Tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas take part in an adventure that has become a family tradition among generations. Families, students, birders and scientists, armed with binoculars, bird guides and checklists go out on an annual mission – some before dawn.

Become a  
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citizen scientist; brave the snow, wind, or rain, and lead novice birders or follow along with an birder and take part in the Christmas Bird Count. Help make an enormous contribution to Audubon and other organizations use data collected in this longest-running wildlife census to assess bird populations - and to help guide conservation action.

For the second year, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore will participate in the newly formed **Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore West birding circle on Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**. You must be registered for your count to count.

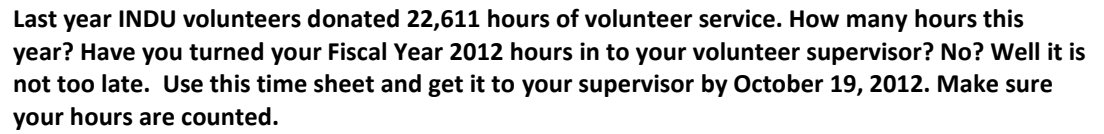
The contact to register is ranger, Christine Gerlach. She can be reached by email at [christine\\_gerlach@nps.gov](mailto:christine_gerlach@nps.gov) or phone (219) 395-1885. **All Audubon counters must be registered with Christy by Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.**



## National Park Foundation Share the Experience Photo Contest.

The **grand prize is \$15,000**, plus the **winning photo will be featured on the 2014 America the Beautiful Federal Recreation Lands Pass!** Submit your best shots at [www.sharetheexperience.org](http://www.sharetheexperience.org) for a chance to win one of many great prizes.





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